

## RETURN

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To AN ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, dated January 24, 1912, praying for a copy of all correspondence between the Prime Minister of Canada, or any member of the Government, and Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, during the time the latter gentlemen were in Washington last year, on the subject of the negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the United States.

W. J. ROCHE,  
*Secretary of State.*

OTTAWA, February 1, 1912.

OTTAWA, January 27, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to Order of the House of Commons—No. 76—Mr. Bradbury, I beg to say that this Department has no correspondence between the Prime Minister of Canada, or any member of the Government, and Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, during the time the latter gentlemen were in Washington last year, on the subject of the negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the United States.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH POPE,  
*Under Secretary of State  
for External Affairs.*

The Under Secretary of State of Canada,  
Ottawa.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

OTTAWA, CANADA, January 26, 1912.

THOMAS MULVEY, Esq., K.C.,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to an Order of the House of Commons, No. 76, dated January 24, mover, Mr. Bradbury, for correspondence *re* negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the United States, I beg to say that, so far as the Department of Finance is concerned, there has been no such correspondence.

Yours truly,

T. C. BOVILLE,  
*Deputy Minister of Finance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS,

OTTAWA, January 31, 1912.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to return herewith your Reference, No. 76, of 1912, respecting an Order of the House of Commons, dated January 24, 1912, for a copy of all the correspondence between the Prime Minister of Canada, or any member of the Government, and Messrs. Fielding and Paterson, during the time the latter gentlemen were in Washington last year, on the subject of the negotiations for a Reciprocity Treaty between Canada and the United States,—and am to state that there is no correspondence on this subject in the Department of Customs.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

JOHN McDougald,  
*Commissioner of Customs.*

[Enclosure.]